

REMARKS

Claims 11-20 were previously pending in the application. Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent Application No. DE 101 38 885.3 (hereinafter the “German application”). The present application is a US National Stage under 35 USC 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP02/08785, which claims priority to the German application. On March 17, 200~~5~~⁶, Applicants filed a petition to correct the priority data for the present application. Therefore, the German application should not be considered prior art for the present application because it is the foreign priority reference for the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 11-20 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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